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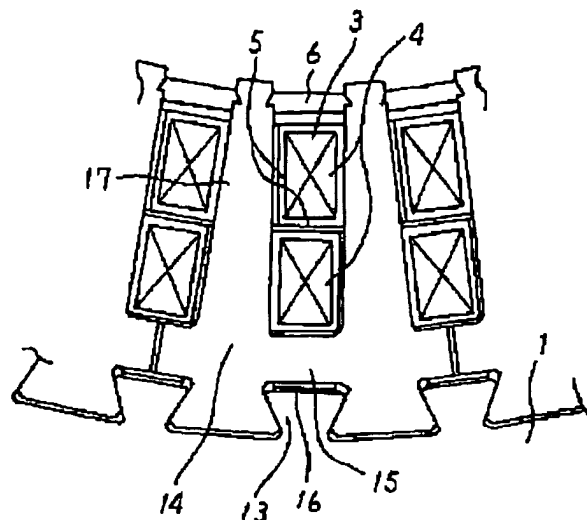
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ROTARY ELECTRIC DEVICE



ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To firmly fix an armature coil against an electromagnetic force in the tangent direction by providing a recessed portion of a sector shaped member to a part provided opposed to a slot, implanting a wedge into a gap between a projected portion of a magnetic shield and the recessed portion of the sector shaped member and coupling a teeth portion of the sector shaped member to the adjacent teeth portion with the recessed portion of the sector shaped member.

CONSTITUTION: A recessed portion 15 in the shape of tab table is provided at a part provided opposed to a slot 3 in the side of external circumference of an insulated teeth 14, the insulated teeth 14 is arranged in the circumferencial direction and laminated in the axial direction by aligning the recessed portion 15 in the shape of the tab table of the insulated teeth 14 with the projected portion 13 of the tab table of a magnetic shield 1. Here, a wedge is implanted in the axial direction into the gap between the projected portion 13 of tab table of the magnetic shield 1 and the recessed portion 15 of tab table of the insulated teeth 14 to fix the insulated teeth 14 to the magnetic shield 1. Thereby, fall of the teeth portion 17 by electromagnetic force in the tangent direction can be controlled and strong electromagnetic force in the radius direction can also be received by the magnetic shield 1.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-15

stator support system

2. Claims: 16-24

stator coil cooling system

The prior art ep 56 606 discloses: a stator support system comprising an inner support tube, spaced windings, wedges (spacers) and a cross support; see fig. 3, 4a-4d, 5, 9 and pages 7-9.

From the above, the following objective problem can be formulated as to improve such a known apparatus to a better fixation of the wedges (spacers) on the cross supports. This problem is solved by the features of claim 7 that are not disclosed by the prior art document.

The Special Technical Features of subject 1 (claims 1-15), as defined in Rule 13(2) PCT, therefore, are:

- notches on the second (outer) edge of the wedges.

The 2nd group of claims (2nd invention) yields the non-disclosed (by the prior art document) potential Special Technical Features of:

- stator coil comprising cooling conduits and a thermally conductive member adjacent to the coil.

The problem to be solved by these claims could thus be said to be the provision of an apparatus that improves the cooling of the stator coil assembly.

{The potential Special Technical Features of subject 2, not known from the above mentioned prior art, are:

- stator coil comprising cooling conduits and a thermally conductive member adjacent to the coil.}

On the face of it, there are no technical features in the claimed inventions, which can be seen as common or corresponding special technical features within the meaning of Rule 13(2) PCT.

In determining a possible relationship between these 2 subjects, such as a common inventive concept, we find that the provision of a better fixation of the wedges on the cross support does not contribute to the aim of cooling the stator coil assembly and that the provision of stator coil comprising cooling conduits and a thermally conductive member adjacent to the coil does not contribute to the aim of improving fixation of the wedges on the cross support.

{The only common concept to be found is an improvement of the stator assembly but this cannot as such be said to present a common inventive concept.}

No further features are available by means of which a relationship between the subjects of claim 1 and claims 16-24 may be established.

Consequently, neither the objective problem underlying the subjects of the two claimed inventions, nor their solutions defined by the (special) technical features allow for a relationship to be established between the said inventions.

In conclusion, therefore, the two groups of claims are not linked by common or corresponding special technical features and define two different inventions not linked by a single general inventive concept. The application, hence does not meet the requirements of Unity of Invention as defined in Rule 13(1) & (2) PCT.

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